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Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 10.- Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were in Lynchburg last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pillow and baby, of Spout Spring visited with Mrs. Lillie Pillow and Herman Pillow Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Hamilton, formerly Miss Audrey Pugh, with her son, Jackie, has joined her husband, Ensign Jack Hamilton, U. S. N., in California, where Mr. Hamilton is stationed at the Naval Air Station at Alameda.

Mrs. Oddie Mayberry was carried to a hospital in Lynchburg Friday for a major operation. Further details are lacking.

A tenth wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wooldridge Friday, with the following present: Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge, Miss Hazel Wooldridge, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wooldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and J. Lloyd Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell visited Mr. Wm. Fleshman Sunday. Mr. Fleshman has been sick for some time, but is reported better at this writing.

R. H. Ramsey and mother, Mrs. T. W. Ramsey were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Floyd Fleshman carried his wife to a Lynchburg hospital Monday for an examination. The diagnosis is not known at this writing.

Aubrey Fleshman and Frank Fleshman carried tobacco to Lynchburg Monday.

Services will be held at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday. All invited.

Senators assert that Greeks are not giving fighting losses.

Talmadge group gains political victory in lower court in Georgia.

Take My Word for It!
By Frank Colby

THE EGG AND I

Q. My eighth-grade English students have been having a rousing discussion over whether or not the title of Betty McDonald's book, "The Egg and I" (J. B. Lippincott, New York City), is grammatically correct. We'd enjoy one of your lively analyses.—Mrs. C. H. T.

The title, "The Egg and I," although an incomplete sentence, is correct if it is thought of as a compound subject denoting the creator of an action, thus: "The Egg and I" had many adventures; "The Egg and I" stuck us together; "The Egg and I" blaze the way, et cetera.

On the other hand, if the author of the book and the egg are thought of as being acted upon, the pronoun would have to be in the objective case, thus: This book is about "The Egg and Me"; this story tells what happened to "The Egg and Me"; a chronicle of the adventures which happened to "The Egg and Me," et cetera.

In other words, in the title "The Egg and I," the pronoun I is in the nominative case and thus creates the action, as: "The Egg and I" did or experienced all that is written about in this story.

If the title were "The Egg and Me," the pronoun me, being in the objective case, would denote that which is acted upon, as: All that is written about in this story happened to "The Egg and Me."

So, I'll leave it to the died-in-the-wool grammarians among my readers to decide whether or not "The Egg and I" is grammatical. My staff and I cannot split hairs that fine.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belcher and daughter, July, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mrs. Belcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stanley.

Mrs. Clyde Johnson and son, Melvin, of Roanoke spent a few days last week with Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, of Buckingham.

Mrs. Wesley Stanley spent the afternoon last Wednesday with Mrs. Clarence Mays.

Mary Ann Beasley called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stanley and family Sunday evening.

British move to halt war in Palestine.

France and Russia break off trade agreement negotiations.

New clashes raise death toll in Palestine.

Colored Dots

A quartette festival will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Several quartettes have been invited to take part in the program. The program will be sponsored by the local chapter of New Farmers of America for the benefit of the New Farmers of America state camp.

The public is invited to attend the religious service sponsored by the Appomattox County Teachers' Association at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Hiburg, Va., this Sunday at 3 P. M. Music will be rendered by the special chorus of teachers.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor preached a helpful sermon. The church choir rendered special music.

The 8 P. M. service was in charge of the Springfield Baptist Church. The pastor of the Springfield Church preached a very interesting sermon from the text of Christian fellowship. The junior choir of the Springfield Church rendered special music.

The service was sponsored for the benefit of the Galilee Usher Board. The public is invited to attend preaching service at the First Baptist Church this Sunday.

The Young Mens' Business Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson, Jr. Friday evening.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 9.- The Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Percy Garrette last Thursday, with a large attendance, and three new members added.

Paul Thornhill, who has been sick, is improving.

Mrs. Frances Guill and three children spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette.

Mildred Ann Thornhill spent Sunday in the home of her grandfather W. W. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spiggle and son and Robert Thornhill, of Lynchburg visited in the home of W. W. Thornhill last week.

Kenney foresees better weapon than atomic bomb.

Appomattox stores are splendidly decorated for Christmas season.

Threat of a general strike is Italy lessons.

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High School Chatter . . .

Christmas Greetings!

The ninth grade gave a Christmas party Friday night and everyone enjoyed it very much. The decorations were very pretty, and we hear some of the girls were, too. While we're still on the subject of parties we might say that rumors are going around that there is to be a Carnival Party during the Christmas holidays. We heard the 26th mentioned as a possible date.

The Christmas Pageant given by the Senior Class under the direction of Mrs. W. M. Morris and Miss Harriet Holley was a big success. It was beautiful and the music was very impressive. We are sure that everyone who attended went away feeling glad that they had come. We would also like to say "thank you" to the Rev. J. Marshall Walker, who did the reading for the play.

All of the written material for the Senior Annuals has to be in before the Christmas vacation, so you can imagine what a time we're having getting it written. They told us that the sale of the annuals is progressing nicely and we believe that this is going to be an annual Parody of the Class of '48.

The school pictures that were taken the last of November were distributed on Monday. We hope there were no tears shed. The worst you get to come, though. Right after we got our pictures back and were going around wondering how anyone could be so hideous looking, they handed our report cards to us. Needless to say, the report cards didn't brighten our gloom.

Looking on the brighter side of life, we'll say Merry Christmas to all and hope everyone has a Happy New Year, too.

REDUCE GASOLINE BILLS BY CAREFUL DRIVING

In these days of high prices, it may be of interest to car owners to know how they can economize in the use of gasoline, C. T. Moses, of the Moses Motor Co., said today.

The National Automobile Dealers Association recently secured the results of tests made by the National Bureau of Standards. These showed that the most economical speed is 25 miles an hour. It was was shown that a car driven at that rate of speed constantly and steadily could get from 24 to 25 miles per gallon. When you drive 50 miles an hour you use three times as much gasoline per mile as at a 25 mile speed.

"What it all amounts to us that higher you get above 25 miles per hour the more gasoline you will use per mile. At that speed you could travel 240 to 250 miles on the same amount of gas that would only take you 200 miles at a 50 mile speed.

"In addition to gasoline economy, driving at a moderate speed is in the interest of safety. Last year 31 per cent of every 100 drivers involved in fatal accidents were exceeding speed regulations. And particularly does it pay to drive slower at this time of the year because of weather conditions. About the most foolhardy thing a driver can do is to go dashing along a slippery highway at 60 or 70 miles an hour.

"Motorists can save money, and possibly human lives, by holding down to modest speeds."

Fuel oil shortage reported.

Secretary Marshall will make report to nation on the London Conference which ended this week in failure to reach decisions.

Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece, chicken wishbones make an attractive addition to the Christmas present. Wash them dry and then paint them any color you like. Fasten one to the top of every Christmas gift to add an extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for yuletide giving.

Committees Elected For Farm Program

Returns on farm program elections held in Appomattox County during the past few weeks were announced today by the County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

The following is a list of committeemen elected by communities:

Stonewall Community: Aubrey I. Moore, chairman; C. Roland Smith, vice-chairman, and T. R. Martin, Jr., regular member.

Southside Community: Floyd W. Fleshman, chairman; C. C. Harvey, vice-chairman, and J. P. Harvey, regular member.

Clover Hill Community: R. M. Webb, chairman; M. A. Glover, Jr., vice-chairman, and Lester Sears, regular member.

On December 12, the County Convention was held at the Court House for the purpose of electing the County Committee. Those elected were:

John T. Hunter, chairman
Bennett Harding, vice-chairman
E. R. Gowin, regular member.

All newly elected committeemen took office as of December 12, 1947.

Judging Date Store Windows

The Garden Club wishes to announce to all business concerns that the windows will be judged this Saturday, December 20th, rather than on the 24th as was previously announced. This change is being made because of some items that may be sold from the displays.

The committee wishes to thank all who have cooperated so splendidly. No prizes are to be given, only 1st, 2nd and 3rd mention. Watch for announcements in next week's issue of the Times-Virginian. Outside decorations for homes will be judged on Christmas Eve, December 24, around seven o'clock.

CAR OWNERS URGED TO STUDY SAFE-DRIVING TECHNIQUES

With traffic fatalities and accidents this year running at about the same rate as in 1946, it becomes increasingly apparent that individual drivers must pay more attention to safety techniques. This was pointed out today by C. T. Moses, of Moses Motor Co.

"For the first ten months of this year," he said, "more than 26,000 persons were killed in automobile mishaps. This is 4 per cent less than during the same months last year. But when the figures for November and December are all in, there might even be a gain in fatalities and accidents over last year."

"Many remedies have been suggested, such as more severe penalties, stiffer fines, jail sentences, suspension of driving permits, and lifetime cancellation of operator's license. A good deal of stress also is being put on educational efforts. Perhaps we should have a mixture of stiffer penalties and more drivers' education.

"Fundementally, there must be brought about in some way a change in public attitude. Too many drivers are hardboiled these days, apparantly indifferent to the consequences of reckless driving. More people must be made to realize that when a man or woman sits behind the wheel of a car they are in a position where the slightest error of judgment, excess of speed, infraction of a traffic regulation, or the slightest defect in the car's mechanism might bring instant death or injury.

"Drivers in general are aware of all of these things, but the deep significance of safety facts apparantly does not penetrate deeply enough into their hearts.

"The time when many folks will be making New Year's resolutions will soon be here. A good one for all drivers to make would be to resolve to drive carefully and cautiously enough so that they won't get into any accidents."

French may merge their occupation zone in Germany with that of United States and Britain.

Banks Issue Statements On Interest Rates

In a special announcement found elsewhere in today's issue, the local Farmers National Bank states that "beginning January 1, 1948," it will "increase interest from 1% to 2% on all savings accounts up to and including the first $5,000.00 to any one depositor."

The officers and directors of the bank met this week to decide on this procedure.

This should be welcome news to savings depositors and an added inducement for building up saving accounts.

The Bank of Appomattox announced this week that savings depositors would be paid 2% interest instead of 1½% for the period from June 15, 1947 through December 15, 1947. This was announced as in line with the bank's policy of sharing its profits with customers.

Stores To Take Holiday

Appomattox stores and business places will be closed for Christmas, December 25, according to annual custom. We are informed that the Appomattox Hardware Company and Poe Hardware Company will close for two days, Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26.

MRS. NELLIE CLAIR O'BRIEN

Mrs. Nellie Clair O'Brien, wife of Robert Edward O'Brien, died at her home, R. F. D., Appomattox, December 12. She was born in Roncerverte, W. Va., on April 12, 1887; daughter of the late Charles P. and Maude Frazier Weaver. She came to Appomattox 36 years ago to make her home. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by the following children: Carroll O'Brien, Washington, D. C.; Davis O'Brien, Appomattox, Va.; Clem H. O'Brien, Appomattox, Va.; Nathan O'Brien, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Grover Childers, Appomattox, Va., and Mrs. Joe Thrall, Indianapolis, Ind.

Funeral services were held at the grave in the O'Brien Family Cemetery on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. J. Marshall Walker, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church officiating. Active pallbearers were: Carroll O'Brien, Davis O'Brien, Clem O'Brien, William O'Brien, Joe Thralls, Louis Dahl and Allen Gills.

NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Christmas Day comes on Thursday this year, and the Times - Virginian will be put in the post office Wednesday, December 24. Advertisers and correspondents are asked to take note.

Next week's issue will be our annual "Christmas Greeting Issue," so watch for it!

New REA Line Activated

Sections of the new REA electric line in the Rocks section of Appomattox County have been activated and new customers are enjoying what they term a Christmas present, coming as it does as the holiday season. The line runs to the Hixburg area.

School Holiday For Christmas

Appomattox County schools will begin the annual Christmas holiday this Friday afternoon. School will re-open Monday, January 5.

Tobacco Sales For The Week

Sales of dark tobacco were light this week, with prives averages around $28 per hundredweight reported. Sales in Lynchburg Tuesday were 190,592 pounds, for an average of $28.20. Farmville sales the same day were 112,322 pounds at an average of $27.30. Blackstone's price average was $27.45. Bedford warehouse average was $28.51.

YWA'S PRESENT PLAY

The Susie Whittinghill Y. W. A.'s of Liberty Baptist Church presented a missionary play, entitled —"And Hands," to the W. M. U. on Wednesday, the 17th, at 2:30, at Liberty Church, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr. The cast was as follows:

Madame Ito, Beulah White
Pullito, Patsy Booth
Mrs. Kato, Florence McFadden
Mr. Kato, Laura McFadden
Kanato, Phyllis Carter
Mitsu, Peggy Harvey
Mato, Joyce Christian.

Santa Claus will be in Appomattox this Saturday afternoon.

Greater Red propaganda effort is anticipated.

ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

New Agent

ALLEN W. HARVEY

Allen W. Harvey, former air force pilot, and leading 4-H Club member in Campbell County, has been appointed assistant County Agent in charge of 4-H Club work in Appomattox, Amherst and Prince Edward Counties, R. B. Hudgins, county agent, has reported. Harvey assumed his new position after his discharge from the air force where he has served for three years.

In Campbell County, the new agent was for four years president of the Brookville Club and for two years president of the 4-H County Council. Harvey devotes the second and fourth weeks of each month to work in Appomattox County.

Tax Study Is Issued

MAILS OUT TAX REPORT TO VIRGINIANS

Recommending that Virginia hold to "its traditional fiscal policy" of increasing the tax burden "only when fully justified by the need, and when all other means have been thoroughly explored and exhausted," the Richmond Chamber of Commerce is now mailing copies of its report, "Taxation in Virginia," to its membership. The chamber is also sending it to other commericial organizations in the state and to members of the General Assembly.

Designed, according to President Robert C. Carden, Jr., "not as an analysis of individual taxes but as an appraisal of certain basic principles which enter into our overall tax structure," the report was prepared by the chamber's research department and legislative committee and was approved by the board of directors.

It's findings are summarized in three statements:

"Te Virginia tax level is below the national average, but not as far below as per capita income. Hence, the tax burden of Virginia is not exceedingly low, and there is no large unused reservoir of taxable capacity in the state.

That state and local taxes are about three times as important as a locational factor as some analysts have been led to believe, and do definitely affect the industrial growth of a state.

That substancial increases in revenue have occurred in the past, and may be expected to reoccur in the future, by reason of the industrial and economic growth of Virginia. Still other means of financing may be found through greater efficiency and reallocation of existing public service effort."

The report points that that "Virginia now enjoys an enviable reputation for its sound fiscal policy throutout the nation" and that the booklet is being submitted "as tangible evidence of its pride in, and desire for the preservation of that reputation."

Candles, placed in windows on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child and to welcome wayfarers, have been popular for centuries, but the burning of Bayberry candles is a strictly North American custom which dates from colonial days. Though associated particularly with New England, these aromatic candles glow in windows from coast to coast.

Santa Claus To Be Here Saturday

Santa Claus has accepted an invitation from the Appomattox Lions Club to appear in Appomattox this Saturday, and Lion President C. G. O'Brien advises that the Red Clad Christmas Visitor is expected to arrive by train, at the local depot, at 3:00 P. M.

All parents are invited to bring their children out to see Santa Claus. And, we are informed that in keeping with past custom of the Lions Club, Santa will distribute a gift of candy to the children.

A pair of Lions Committees, headed by E. D. Tegethoff and James H. Lucado are working out details for the occasion.

In past years Santa has always been met by several hundred children upon his visits to Appomattox and another big turn-out is expected this year.

CITIZENS FOOD COMMITTEE CITES FACTS ON FOOD SUPPLY

The world today, with the approach of winter, is again facing a desperate food situation. Conditions are particularly critical in Western Europe.

Throughout the growing season frost, drought and floods took a heavy toll of food crops. Wheat and rye production in Western Europe is down by 200 million bushels, even as compared to last year. Then hunger was widespread. And the situation has grown worse in the last 60 to 90 days.

The already meagre bread rations have been further cut in France, Italy, Holland, Sweden, etc., and, on the basis of present prospects, the rations for most other countries will have to be cut sooner or later. As cold weather nears, the unrest grows.

To make matters worse, the population of Western Europe has grown hence more mouths to feed.

It's true that in the better parts of many large cities, you see little evidence of hunger. But the average man is always hungry, and outside the cities, many people are coming close and closer to actual starvation. The people's resistance is so low that thousands are dying of pneumonia and tuberculosis. This winter the suffering will be tragic.

While hunger spreads in Europe, Americans are still eating at a record rate . . far above pre-war. America, with its record 1,450,000,000 bushel wheat crop . . is the major source of relief. Wheat is the heart of the problem . . because wheat is one of the cheapest, most easily shipped, most nourishing of foods, and because our own corn crop is off by about 900 million bushels, last year's record.

What happens in Europe in the next six months is of immediate, decisive concern to all Americans. Interference to the desperate plight of Europeans would violate the traditional American feeling of helping those in need. Should our aid fail this winter the result would not only be human misery; our failure may lead to political catastrophe endangering our own security and prosperity and the peace for which we are working.

If the people of Europe are hungry they cannot achieve the democratic self government essential to make secure our own peace and freedom.

WOODMEN CIRCLE GROVE

The Supreme Forest, Woodmen Circle Grove No. 73, will meet Monday night, December 22. Bring a gift for the Christmas party.

Still try to avert a strike of telegraph union.

Truman orders some tariffs cut.

Surpey shows ma, ignorant of the Marshall Plan.